

PLAYERS COMING IN.

Richmond's Bluebirds are rapidly assembling here.

COMMENCE PRACTICE TO-MORROW

Goat About the Team Jake Has Gotten Together—The Faces We Will See and Those We Will Miss.

To-morrow morning at 10 o'clock Jake Wells will assemble his ball-players on the diamond at West-End Park, for practice, and the first opportunity will be afforded the rooters to see what the new players look like.

A number of the boys have already arrived here, and all, with the exception of Pender, who will arrive Wednesday, will be here to start practicing to-morrow.

The team, so far as appearances go, is a strong one, and comprises as hearty a set of youngsters as were ever gathered together on a diamond. They all—that is, all who have put in their appearance—are exceedingly enthusiastic, and if they can play together as well as they think they can, the National League teams against whom they will go next month will have to look to their laurels.

A HANDSOME TEAM.

Though many of last year's team are again with us, the team as made up this season is much better looking as a whole than that which wore the Richmond uniform last year. True, Carney Flynn will



UMPIRE ED. E. CLINE.

not be here to pose in the box for the delectation of the fair grandstand habitués, but there are others, and ere the umpires call "play ball" on the 30th of April it is safe to predict that Flynn's image will have faded into insignificance beside those of the other Adonises on the present team.

"Reddy" Foster will, of course, be missed behind the plate, and there are many who will sigh for the glint of his auburn locks, which the ephraims which were wafted around the grandstand, were wont to waft with his quick delivery, and Meyers, who will alternate as custodian of the liver-pad, will alleviate much of the suffering caused by "Reddy's" absence. Then, too, Tammill will be in the box quite often, and his presence on the diamond will always add interest to the game. "Tanne" has grown handsome since he left last year, and he thinks he will have no more trouble from that right shoulder, which so frequently disintegrated last season. He will be the only old player in the box, but he has got some associates, who, it is claimed, will make him jump about lively to keep his crown of glory, so honestly won by him last season.

JAKEY ON FIRST.

No sighs will be indulged in by those whose glance may happen to fall on first base to-morrow. Jakcy will be there, and



PITCHER JEFFERSON.

His stalwart, agile form, as he goes down on his knees after hot grounders, will recall many pleasantly exciting moments of last year.

On second base Sweeney will preside, instead of Houseman, and it is said by those who know him that he will give a much better account of himself than did the young man who adorned that position of the field last year, and at frequent intervals dashed the cup of happiness from the lips of the local rooters.

No change has been made in the position of short-stop, and Harry Berte—the only Harry—whose lightning-like movements and accurate fielding delighted the multitude in 1895, will be back in his same old place.

Harry will not have "Spec" McDowan to talk back at him this season, though, for "Spec" has been succeeded on third base by Bob Pender, late of Petersburg. Pender will do an abundance of talking, however—too much, perhaps—but he will take good care of his territory, for his work during the past year has given him the right to judge, and a ball to get past him will have to be terribly hard hit.

THE OUTFIELD.

In left field, George Woods, of Cincinnati, will be seen, and he will not be found wanting, Jake says. He will have plenty of chance to spread himself, in all probabilities, but he will not need to go beyond the confines of his own territory, though, for Clifford Grove—the great "Turkey"—who was never known to miff a fly (that is, hardly ever), will be in centre field,



PITCHER ED. DILLON.

and he will look after everything that comes his way, be it on the ground, or in the sky.

In right field, dear, little Harley Kain

will gracefully look after stray balls, and will, with his usual dexterity, pull a-woman a would-be home run.

AMES HAS RECOVERED.

Ed Ames, who was one of Lynchburg's star twirlers of last season, has fully recovered from his injury, and expects



PITCHER WILLIAM BRUNEMER.

to do great work this season. Wells has a high opinion of Ames as a pitcher, and now that he is in fine form, thinks he has a sure winner. Ames was badly handicapped last season, owing to a badly-sprained ankle.

Dillon is already in good trim, having been at Hot Springs with the Chicago team for some time.

Brunemer has an excellent record, having won laurels for himself on the Toronto (Canada) team, in the Eastern League, last year. Brunemer is rather small, being only 5 feet 7 inches high, and weighing 150 pounds. He is said to be a good hitter and an all-round ball-player. He has been training for some time at his home, in Eastville, N. Y.

Meyers played with the Harlem Athletic Association Ball-Club last season, and his good work has entitled him to a chance in the professional ranks. The club was with Meyers, last year, and the two are said to form a great battery.

RAFFERTY'S HAND STILL SORE.

Rafferty is too well known here to need any introduction. His hand is still quite sore, but he will be in condition to play when the season opens.

Dobbins, an old Richmond boy, is a candidate for a position behind the plate, and Jake will give him a trial. He proves a success he will be kept, but, otherwise, his head goes in the basket. He has played in several minor leagues, and has considerable confidence in his ability.

OLD BOB PENDER.

Pender is a good hitter, and one of the most earnest and hard-working players that ever put on a uniform. It was Manager Wells's first intention to play Pender in second base, but, since signing Sweeney, he has decided to make a change, so he will transfer Pender to third. Pender played this position in 1894 for Mobile, in the Southern League, which was his last season. He is 35 years old, and weighs 160 pounds. He is said to be a very fast runner. He is claimed to be the fastest runner in the league. He played with Cedar Rapids, in 1892, with Peoria, Ill., in 1893, with Nashville, Tenn., and in 1894 with Lincoln, Neb.

AFTER ANOTHER CATCHER.

Wells is negotiating for another catcher, whom he expects to buy from the West. He has already offered \$10,000 for a ticket to the man, and if the terms of sale can be arranged, and there is every reason to believe they can, the player will be here by Wednesday.

THE FOLLOWING DATES FOR EXHIBITION GAMES HAVE BEEN MADE:

Richmond College, March 28th; McCabe-School team, March 30th; Bloomington, of Baltimore, April 2d; Ted Sullivan's Texas Stars (the New Haven's), April 2d and 4th; Georgetown College, April 6th; the champion Baltimore, April 7th; Princeton College, April 8th; Boston, April 8th and Brooklyn, their first time here, April 10th and 11th.

Those who purchased score cards last season experienced considerable trouble in keeping their scores, as the batting order was frequently wrong. The publisher of the card did his best to have a correct card, but very often, after the batting order had been given out, a change was made, and those who held the cards were at sea. To remedy this trouble, Jake has decided to publish a new card himself, which will be as nearly correct as a base-ball score-card can possibly be. No one else can get the official batting order of the team, and the "Wells Score-Card," which, by the way,



CATCHER MEYERS.

will be handsomely gotten up, will be the only card on sale and absolutely the only correct one.

A FEW BASE HITS.

Reddy Foster still continues to play the game right with the Giants at Jacksonville.

Carney Flynn has not recovered just yet from the effects of his wounded hand, but will be in the game shortly.

Kagcy seems to be doing much better work this season with the New York team than he did in this league last season.

While the park is being fixed up it would be well to give the outfield a looking over.

Ed Bradley is still in the city. He has been getting into shape with Wells Kain, Dobbins, and the rest and will go to Scranton about the 10th of April.

Phillips is at Brown's University and will doubt be a star on that college team.

Murray McGuire will captain and pitch for the University of Virginia again this season. Mr. McGuire was a great pitcher once, and now that he has broken the glass in his arm he will bring puzzle the opposing teams.

Baltimoreans regret that Cary was released. His sensational fielding made him a great favorite.

Cavalle, late with Portsmouth, now with New York, is said to be a sprinter with a track record of 10-1-4 seconds for 100 yards.

Pitcher North has a new up-shot, which will keep the heavy hitters of the league guessing.

Captain Nash is well pleased with

himself at short. He handles himself like a Cunnard.

Billy Hamilton has signed a Boston contract.

John E. Ward thinks New York ought to finish in the first division.

Billy Keeler is referred to as the little Sandow. The Oriole has more steam for a little man than any player in the business.

THE DEBATE AT THE SPRINGS.

It was a Great Success, and the Highland Springs Literary Association met the Henry Grady Society, of Richmond, in a public debate last Wednesday night. The people of the community turned out in big numbers to hear the debate, and assembled in their headquarters, but when the car arrived with the Gradyites it was found impossible to seat the visitors, so the meeting adjourned to Odd-Fellows' Hall, and even here every available niche was occupied. The meeting was called to order by President Barker at 8:45, and the Highland Springs Male Quartette sang in splendid style "Welcome To-Night." and Professor Newell rendered a fine march on the piano. President Barker then gave the question: "Resolved, That this government has more to fear from its millionaires than from its criminals," and called on Professor Alwood, of the debate. Professor Alwood, in a dignified, clear, and forceful manner, submitted his arguments, to which he had given little time, but evidently, his address was free from jocularities, and superfluity, and carried conviction with it. He was liberally and heartily applauded.

Mr. J. W. Hughes, of the Grady Club, was next introduced, and opened his address by saying that "If Highland Springs had fired her little gun first, they were totally unprepared for the 'broadside' that must surely follow." He referred pathetically to the noble and lamented Grady of Georgia and Peabody, of Maryland, and his witty speech elicited considerable applause.

Music was again furnished by the Highland Springs Male Quartette.

Dr. G. T. Collins, whose professional duties prevented his giving the subject of the debate, was next introduced, and complimented (?) the Grady speakers by telling them, "If the noble Grady could come back he wouldn't recognize them as his disciples." He then took up his line of argument, and for twenty-five minutes held the audience spellbound. With the history of empires dethroned, discarded heads, calamitous national horrors, monarchical evils, and modern vices, that millions makes a virtue, he demonstrated clearly and forcibly that multi-millionaire is the rock which threatened to sink the American in anarchy and shame. Dr. Collins paid a passing and touching tribute to woman, and his effort was at once chaste and eloquent, and was undoubtedly a heavy "broadside" hurled at the enemy. The Doctor retired under a thunderous storm of applause.

Mr. W. H. Adams, of Richmond, another Grady orator, was introduced. He said he was "surprised to find in his predecessor a pessimist of the worst type," and proceeded by his own views to prove that there was no dark side to American life. This gentleman's address was a flow of humor, and possessed the merit of being highly entertaining. He was roundly applauded, and elicited closest attention.

Professor Alwood was called on to close the debate, but the Gradyists objected so strenuously to Mr. Alwood, out of courtesy to the club, as visitors, waived his right to speak.

While the judges were preparing their report the Gebhardt Brothers rendered some fine music on the mandolin and guitar, and Miss Woodmont sang charmingly a waltz song.

The decision of the judges was that the Highland Springs had won the debate. The Gradyists were returned with victor by the Springs boys and girls.

The Grady colors were old gold and red, with the motto in gold, "Knowledge is power." The Springs' colors were white and blue, with a motto in a hand-painted motto—some were very appropriate and read:

"White and blue; white and blue, Grady's left, blue, white and blue, Grady's right, blue, white and blue, Grady's Club's gone out of sight."

"Red and old gold; red and old gold, Can't keep Grady out of the West, Left their arguments in a Richmond shed."

"We have met the enemy and they are ours."

The debate was pronounced by one and all an unequivocal success.

Next Thursday evening a supper will be given at the Odd-Fellows' Hall by the Aid Society. Many useful and fancy water articles will be for sale.

Rev. Mr. Scott preached last Sunday one of the most touching sermons ever heard here. Next Sunday morning communion services will be held for the first time by the Methodist church.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Read are expected home next week from their bridal tour.

Mrs. J. B. Newell has been suffering for a week or more with grip.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union will meet next Wednesday at the residence of Mrs. C. H. Raabe. Richmond W's will be welcomed.

Mr. Stricker's child has rented the large farm of Mr. Borten and moved his family there.

Professor Newell expects to leave for New York the 1st of April.

Mr. James Gregory has returned from the North.

THE SYSTEM WORKS WELL.

New Way of Bringing in Convicts Is Economical.

The advantages of the new law requiring convicts to be brought to the penitentiary by a guard of that institution, instead of by the Sheriff of the county in which the prisoner is convicted, were clearly shown last week when one guard returned from a trip to Tidewater, bringing with him six men, whose combined terms were sixty-six years. Three of these convicts were from Nansemond and three from Isle of Wight. The expense of delivering these prisoners at the penitentiary was about \$100 exclusive of railroad fare. Had they been brought here under the old system the cost to the State would not have been less than \$200.

THEY ARE PICKED UP.

Superintendent Lynn so arranges it that when a guard returns out he is given a route, and "picks up" the prisoners on the way, so that it is rarely the case that a man returns with only one convict.

Under the old law it cost the State \$1 for every prisoner delivered at the penitentiary from this city, while now there is no expense in delivering convicts from Richmond.

The new law contemplates a saving of \$7,000 in the cost of delivering convicts to the State prison, as this year only \$600 was appropriated for this purpose, while at the last session of the Legislature about \$13,000 was appropriated.

CONVICTS RECEIVED.

The following convicts were received at the penitentiary yesterday: William Bradshaw (colored) from Roanoke, Va., to serve a term of one year for felonious assault; William Bays, from Scott county, to serve a term of one year for stealing from the person; Moses Lawson, from Scott county, to serve a term of two years for forgery.

Are Not the Democrats.

The John O. Taylor and William H. Taylor, whose names were mentioned yesterday as having been present at the Republican convention held Friday night, are not Mr. John O. Taylor, the merchant, or Dr. William H. Taylor, the coroner, both of whom are loyal Democrats.

Rev. William Munford to Preach.

Rev. William Munford, of Maryland, will preach at Grace Episcopal church for Rev. Mr. Mason at 11 o'clock this morning, and at noon will preach for Rev. Mr. Mason at 11 o'clock.

Carmichael's pupil, at St. Paul's.

Meeting of Sidney Lodge.

A pleasant time was spent Friday night with Sidney Lodge, Good Templars, at their open meeting. Each one attending brought a piece of "chickadee" with them, as a kindly remembrance of work



HE IS ANXIOUS TO GO.

Deligne Wants to Be Taken to New York—Office Expected.

A. Deligne, the Frenchman, when seen by a Dispatch reporter yesterday, said he was very anxious to get to New York, and inquired when an officer from that city would come for him. He also seemed very solicitous about his baggage, which he had left in Philadelphia, and which he said he would like to know how Deligne said he would like to know how

Deligne received the news of his state-ment printed in yesterday's Dispatch, and what he had to say for himself now. He thinks Rogers was very ungrateful to him, and acted badly in having him indicted. If he can prove that he is innocent of the charge on which he is indicted, and, as for the Countess, she has not charged him with anything, and will not do so. She is in France, he says. If he can, as he stated, she would have nothing to say against him.

At the office of the Chief of Police yesterday nothing had been heard from the New York authorities for Deligne, though the chair officer here for Deligne, though on the day previous a telegram was received asking if the Frenchman would be given up upon the arrival of the new papers. There is little doubt, however, that an officer will be here to-day.

Home for Incubators.

The lady managers of the Home for Incubators acknowledge the receipt of the following donations: Mrs. M. S. Feistack, Addie Huffman, Emma Quarles, Elva Stevens, Mary Stevens—2 quilts for little Willie; Mrs. Joseph Billey, 1 barrel of potatoes; Mrs. Fitzhugh Mayo, 1 dozen towels; Mr. T. Stokes, 1 dozen quilts; 1 refrigerator; 2 arm-chairs; 1 rocking-chair; mattress; Mrs. G. K. Gaines, key-basket, bell, dustpan, can-opener; from a friend, 1 dozen lemons, 1-2 peck apples, 2 pounds of rice; Mr. Stanley, 2 pounds of apples; Mrs. W. M. Luck, 10 pounds sugar; Mrs. Ruby Bodeker, 2 sugar-dishes; Mrs. M. Tidelfor, through Miss M. W. Thaw, 4 white courpanes; Mr. Fairbank, 1 piece of mutton.

Mr. Moses Made Manager.

The friends of Mr. Walter D. Moses in Richmond and Virginia will be pleased to learn that he has been permanently appointed sole manager of the Otto Sittro Company Music-House, Baltimore, Md., the largest of its kind in that city. To fill so important a position is quite complimentary to his good reputation and business ability.

Mr. Moses had made many friends in Chicago, Ill., in the past three years, during his connection with the firm of Lyon & Healy, and none are more sincerely attached to him than those with whom he has been associated in that house, from Mr. Healy down through the whole rank and file. Mr. Moses was the recipient of a banquet given by his friends the night before leaving Chicago for the 19th for his new business home, in Baltimore, Md.

Dr. Calisch to Lecture.

Rabbi E. N. Calisch, of the Synagogue Beth Ababa, will lecture at Grace-Street Presbyterian church next Thursday night for the benefit of the Retreat for the Sick and the Old Dominion Hospital. The lecture was to have been given last Thursday night, but had to be postponed. There is a treat in store for those who attend.

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Filling the Long-Felt Want.

The rumors were true. We have added Sporting and Athletic Goods to our store service—and business has already begun.

It's going to be a big business right away—because its foundation is laid on the lines that have made this whole house so popular. We shall have to upset a lot of old traditions—explode fallacies—trample down the high prices that are being charged—and call forth the condemnation of every competitor. But that won't deter us. We are not serving them or their masters. We're not like them—agents. We've bought and paid for every dollar's worth of stock in this department. It's ours.

You've had just grounds for grievance in the meagre assortments others call stock—and you're right to cry out against their exorbitant prices.

We'll save you from both evils.

You'll find our variety complete to the smallest detail. Everything that ought to be carried by a Sporting and Athletic Goods Store we promise you is here—and of the recognized official standard types and makes—

Base-Ball Goods, Tennis Goods, Gymnasium Goods, Golf Goods, Croquet Sets, Boxing Gloves, Fencing Goods, Foot-Ball Goods, Athletic Shoes, Men's Bicycles, Women's Bicycles, Boys' Bicycles, Bicycle Suits, Bicycle Sundries, Guns, Pistols, Fishing Outfits, Boats, Men's Sweaters, Women's Sweaters, Club Uniforms, Gymnasium Suits, Rowing Suits, Yachting Suits, Hunting Suits, Riding Suits, Hammocks.

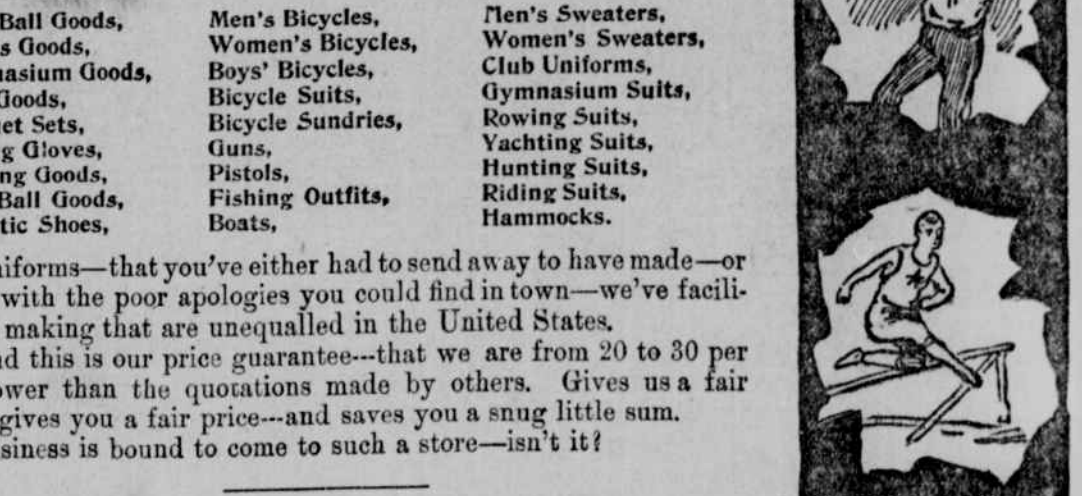
Uniforms—that you've either had to send away to have made—or put up with the poor apologies you could find in town—we've facilities for making that are unequalled in the United States.

And this is our price guarantee—that we are from 20 to 30 per cent. lower than the quotations made by others. Gives us a fair profit—gives you a fair price—and saves you a snug little sum.

Business is bound to come to such a store—isn't it?

A. SAKS AND COMPANY,

Main and Eleventh Streets—"Saks' Corner."



THE EASTERN SHORE.

Schooner Sunk—A Rough Experience—Leap-Year Party.

ONANOCK, VA., March 21.—(Special.)—The schooner R. F. Hastings, belonging to Captain John Collins and his brother, William, of Chincoteague, left that island several days ago with a cargo of oysters for Norfolk. In coming down the coast the schooner encountered a heavy gale, and attempted to go in Wachapreague Inlet for the night. Just before reaching the mouth of the inlet the schooner struck an old wreck, and sank in less than five minutes, in about four fathoms of water. It was night, and the crew had barely time to launch the yawl-boat before the schooner went down. After drifting with the current, they finally succeeded in reaching Cedar Island, where they were properly cared for by the men in the life-saving station.

GOT THE MULES.

Mr. Joseph S. Hull and J. Thomas Burton have returned from Kentucky with twelve fine mules, which they purchased by authority of the supervisors of Accomac. These mules, which are to be used for working the public roads of the county, cost \$150, delivered here, or about \$50 less than the twelve mules bought by the supervisors last year from a Baltimore dealer. The mules just purchased are said to be in every respect equal, if not superior, to those purchased last year.

There was a leap-year party at the Town Hall here last night. It was given by the young ladies of the town, who escorted the young gentlemen to the hall and entertained them in royal style. It was in every respect a very delightful occasion, and all the more so because, for the time being, reversed the customs and traditions of society without doing violence to propriety or good taste.

MASSONIC.

The Freemasons of Ocean Lodge last their temple and all their furniture three weeks ago, but they have now received from their lodges. They are now holding their meetings in the second story of the public school building, at Wachapreague. At a special communication held last night, the matter of road improvement earnestly in hand. Yesterday they started a road-scraper a road-machine, and plows, and other implements, and will give the roads in the several directions around the Courthouse a thorough overhauling.

CRITICALLY ILL.

Mrs. Mary E. Stephens, living at Brockville, in this county, is reported critically ill.

The funeral of W. J. Burton, whose death was noted in the Dispatch, will take place Sunday at 2:30 P. M. from the Union church, Falmouth. The interment will be in the family burying-ground at the same place.

The water-courses emptying into the Rappahannock and Potomac rivers south and North of Fredericksburg were higher yesterday and the day before than at any time since the Johnstown flood. Visitors to the city to-day report several foolishly attempting to cross the streams.

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Athletes Off for Greece.

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Great Applause in Court-Room on Announcement.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 21.—The jury in the case of Benjamin Harrison Milliken, charged with house-breaking with intent to commit an assault on Miss Gertrude Phillips, daughter of Judge Samuel F. Phillips, came into court at 11:45 after being out twenty-four hours, and rendered a verdict of not guilty. There was great applause in the court-room, and the Court ordered all offenders arrested. Only one was caught, however, and he was afterwards released.

MILLIKEN NOT GUILTY.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Sholt have returned to Onancock from an extended bridal tour, and are now receiving the congratulations of their friends.

Hon. John W. H. Parker, who has been seriously ill for some weeks past, at his home, near Onancock, is gradually improving, and his friends hope soon to see his "good, gray head" again in the town.